

1. REGIONAL CONTEXT

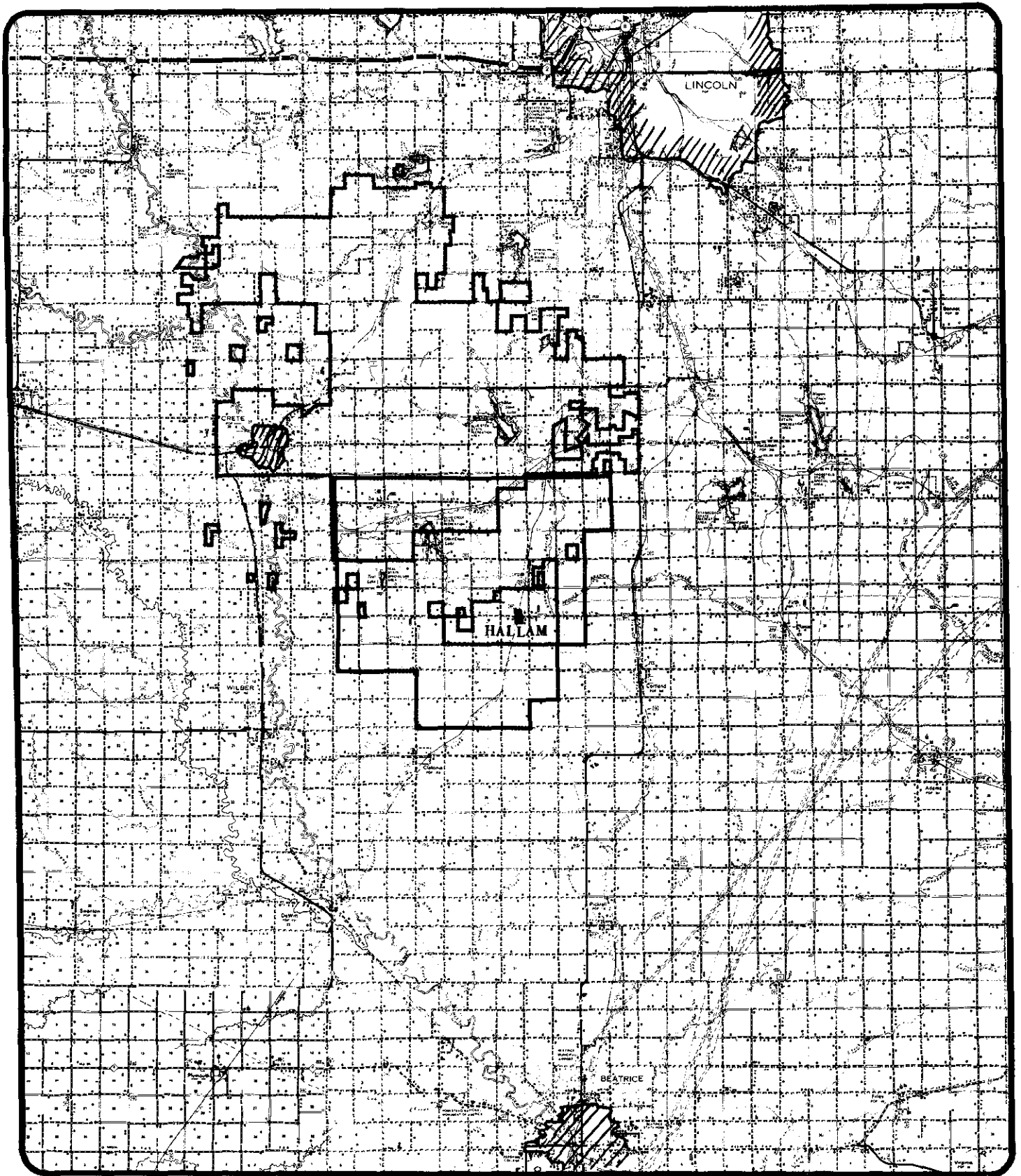
The Village of Hallam is located in southwest Lancaster County, four miles west of U.S. Route 77 on State Spur 55 H (see Map 1). It is part of the Lincoln-Lancaster Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). The future of Hallam is integrally connected to the overall growth patterns and economic conditions of this larger metropolitan region.

The City of Lincoln, located 23 miles north of the village, is the focal point of the region. It exerts a major influence on the village in terms of employment, commercial services, and public facilities. Two other communities also offer services and facilities of interest to Hallam residents: Crete, located 18 miles west in Saline County, with a population of approximately 5,000, and Beatrice, located 25 miles south in Gage County, with a population of approximately 12,400.

The area between Hallam and Lincoln is primarily rural and devoted to agriculture, although some new residential development has occurred adjacent to the city. Several other incorporated villages are located in this area. In addition, three large state recreational areas and reservoirs--Olive Creek, Yankee Hill, and Bluestem--are located between Hallam and Lincoln.

What occurs in the county area immediately surrounding Hallam's one-mile planning jurisdiction is important to the village as it plans for the future. Review of the 1961 Lincoln City-Lancaster County Comprehensive Regional Plan and of the adopted Lincoln City-Lancaster County Goals and Policies suggests that this area should remain substantially rural and agricultural in the future.

Many local public systems and services are provided by regional or special purpose agencies. The village is located on the drainage divide between the Salt Creek and Big Blue watersheds and is under the jurisdiction of the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District. Public school services are provided by the Crete Consolidated School District, with all school facilities located in Crete. Electricity is obtained from the Nebraska Public Power District out of Beatrice and natural gas from Cengas out of Crete. The village maintains an agreement



— CRETE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

— HALLAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
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with the Hallam Rural Fire Protection District, whereby the district provides firefighting equipment, the village provides station facilities and volunteer firemen, and donations by village and surrounding area residents support a rescue unit. All of these services are either influenced or totally controlled by agencies outside the community.

Hallam must plan for its future within this regional setting. Local strategies for land development, increasing the village tax base, and recruiting commercial services must relate to this larger context. According to the *Community Attitude Survey*, most local residents perceive the need to cooperate with regional agencies on problems of mutual interest, yet most also want to maintain some degree of independence. The village must, therefore, keep abreast of regional issues and opportunities in order to advocate Hallam's interests within the regional community more effectively.